

THURSDAY SPORTS ROUNDUP: VB TOPS DYERSBURG; GOLF TEAM SPLITS; SOCCER FALLS

By Ron Barry

“The roller coaster ride continues!”

That’s How Crockett County volleyball coach Andrew Laman described his team’s 3-0 sweep over Dyersburg to highlight a Cavalier Sports Thursday. “We won in three tonight, but it was not pretty. We did have a few good moments, but it could have been a lot cleaner.”

The Lady Cavs – who were stretched to five sets twice last season by the Lady Trojans – won this match 25-19, 25-21, and 25-19 on the road, but Laman saw a lot to improve upon even though his club now boasts a record of 11-2.

Crockett will face significantly stellar opposition in its next action, traveling to Oxford, Mississippi for a Saturday tournament and then hosting perennial powerhouse Dyer County on Tuesday.

GOLF: The Cavs received a much-improved round of 40 from Max Woods to go with a 38 by Jack Shaver and another 40 by George Randall to help forge a team score of 165, defeating Covington (171) and narrowly falling to host South Gibson (161) Thursday.

Shaver was second in individual play, topped by SGC’s Brock Beasley (36). Andrew Snuffin carded a 40, Hall Cunningham a 42, and Mark Brafa and Tommy Baker a 43 apiece for the victorious Hornet team. Crockett’s fourth counting score was a 47 by both Will Harber and Clay Kail. Covington had two 42s, a 43, and a 44 for its team total.

Crockett’s Rachel Crossnoe fired a 43 in the girls competition, won by South Gibson’s Marleigh Chicantek with a 36. Other girls scores had not been recorded by post time.



Left: Max Woods improved his score to a 40 to help Crockett defeat Covington Thursday and just miss taking down South Gibson. (Photo by Ron Barry)

SOCCER: Experience and strength played major roles as Westview dominated Crockett 9-0 Thursday in Martin.

The Lady Chargers have an exceptionally talented junior class, and utilized their seasoning to control the match completely against the Lady Cavs’ freshmen-heavy lineup.

“We faced one of the best teams in West Tennessee after we lost seven starters from last season,” said Crockett coach Carli Branson, “and Westview gave us a clear picture of what it looks like when a team comes together and everything clicks. They have a high soccer IQ, and our young group had trouble keeping up with the high level of play. But you cannot become great if you do not play great teams,”

Branson said that games like this are “what can push us toward becoming something special, if we’re willing to learn and grow from them.”

Crockett (now 2-1-1) hosts its senior night Monday at 6 pm in a match with Covington.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SOFTBALL: South Gibson avenged a 4-3 loss to CCMS on August 18 by blanking the Lady Cavs 8-0 Thursday in Medina in a five-inning no-hitter tossed by Addie Lee.

Lee walked just two batters and struck out eight, zooming through 16 Crockett batters on just 53 pitches. She also doubled in a run for the victors. Khylee Cobb and Kambri Hughes drew the bases on balls to be Crockett’s only baserunners in the contest. CCMS is now 7-4.



Above: Katherine West gets ready for the next point after smashing a kill in a recent match. Crockett will travel to Oxford, Mississippi Saturday for a big tournament before hosting powerhouse Dyer County Monday. (Photo by Ron Barry)

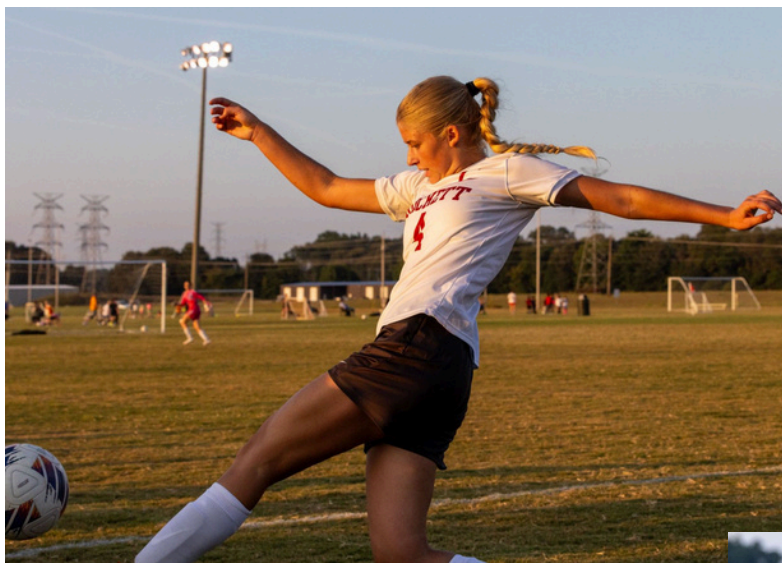


Above: Deonna Cole and her Crockett volleyball teammates improved to 11-2 on the season by getting past Dyersburg in straight sets Thursday, although Coach Andrew Laman said it was "not pretty." (Photo by Ron Barry)

Below: Crockett's Chloe Campbell battles a Westview attacker for control of the ball in Thursday's match in Martin. (Photo by Ashley Owens)



Below: Ruth Gourley goes full extension to keep a ball in bounds in Thursday's match at Martin Westview. (Photo by Ashley Owens)



Above: Caroline Scruggs (5) gets tangled up with a Westview defender as Cesia Sanchez (21) waits to help out in Thursday's match in Martin. (Photo by Robin Wadley)

Below: Rebecca Wadley uses her knee to get control of a ball in Thursday's match with Westview in Martin. (Photo by Ashley Owens)



Above: Avery Thornton races with a Westview player for possession of the ball in Thursday's match in Martin. (Photo by Ashley Owens)